

VILLA INCREASES ARMY ON BORDER

Villa Six Miles From Casas Grandes BELL WILL COMMAND HERE

Most To East With 300 Men

French Heavy Losses Reported

Will Relieve El Paso's New Brigadier General Pershing At El Paso

Taft Considers Brandeis Unfit

Army-Military Bills Will Be Rushed

Columbus Is Big Armed Camp; Battlefield Is Now Tent City

San Simon Citizens Take Steps For Town's Safety

Civilians Desiring To "Cooperate" and "Help" Will Remain Quietly At Home

Jaurez Report Says Bandit Chief's Men Are Riding U.S. Cavalry Horses.

HEADING FOR THE GALEANA DISTRICT

Carranza Officials Say Five Columns Of Carranza Troops Encircle Villa.

VILLA was six miles northwest of Casas Grandes Monday night and is heading for the Galeana district east of Casas Grandes.

This information was received by Mexican officials in Juarez Tuesday morning. Villa, the report stated, had only 300 men with him at the time and was heading east along the railroad track.

He was expected to move at daylight Tuesday morning. All of his men are mounted, a number of the cavalry horses captured at Columbus being used by his men, the report stated.

Five Columns In Pursuit.

Five columns of Carranza troops are in pursuit of Villa, according to Carranza officials in Juarez Tuesday morning. The first of these expeditionary forces reached Juarez from Chihuahua city Tuesday morning in command of Gen. Luis Gutierrez, military governor of Chihuahua and went into camp at the overland bridge below Juarez. They are expected to move southwest over the Mexico North Western railroad at once and begin a campaign from Guadalupe east into the Galeana district after Villa.

Gutierrez in Juarez.

Gen. Gutierrez, soon after his arrival, met Gen. Gavira, the local commander, and Gen. Garcia, of El Paso, in a private conference. Afterward, Gen. Gutierrez gave out that besides the troops holding posts and maintaining patrols, five columns of 1200 men each are closing in on the bandit chief under the respective commands of Gutierrez himself, and generals Luis Herrera, Rafael Maldonado, Benjamin Garza and Jose Salas.

Infantry To Proceed Heavily.

While the cavalry forces are moving in from the east, the command of 900 men at Santa Ana, under Col. Calles, is believed at the Juarez headquarters to be sufficient to check any attempt by Villa to escape to the south up the canyon of the Rio Grande.

San Many Wounded.

A dispatch received today from Col. Nieto Macia, at Pearson, stated that Villa carried a large number of wounded with him in wagons through Galeana. The Mexicans at Casas Grandes, he said, feel perfectly secure and have no desire to be taken out of the country. He also confirmed the news of the safety of Mrs. Wright's child, kidnapped by Villa and found at the Cornes Valley ranch.

VILLA KILLED ALL SENTRIES.

SAYS U. S. OFFICER'S WIFE

Louisville, Ky., March 14.—Francisco Villa's hands killed every sentry and thus effected undisturbed entry into Columbus, N. M., according to Mrs. James H. Castleman, wife of Lieut. Castleman, officer of the day during last week's raid on Columbus. Mrs. Castleman was in Columbus during the battle and now is at the home of her parents in Louisville.

Declare War Losses Have Not Been as Severe as Reported.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—German estimates regarding French losses around Verdun are quite inaccurate, according to a statement from the French embassy today. It says:

"The Germans, wishing to reach the number of prisoners taken from them in Champagne and the Ardennes last September, have obtained the total of 24,000 unaccounted prisoners by including, as usual, the killed and wounded and unaccounted prisoners. Such total is more than double the real number."

As to the 138 guns claimed as captured, the real number is only 84, including damaged guns and guns abandoned. The Germans say they have lost no airplanes in February's aerial fighting, and claim that 22 French or English machines have been brought down after fighting.

The truth is that in February we brought down in aerial fighting, five German airplanes, which fell in our lines and five others which fell in the German lines. During the same month only one French airplane was brought down in aerial fighting.

FRANCE'S WAR BILL STEADILY MOUNTING SKYWARD

Paris, France, March 14.—The credits required for the second quarter of 1916 amount to 2,500,000,000 francs, according to the statement prepared by Mr. Raoul Peret, reporter of the budget committee of the chamber of deputies and presented Monday in the chamber.

BRITAIN ORDERS MILLIONS OF CANS OF BEEF STEW

New York, March 14.—Announcement was made here today that the British government has awarded a contract to the Imperial Canned Food Co., Ltd., of Montreal, for 600,000 one pound cans of beef stew for army rations. The aggregate value of the contract is given as \$1,500,000.

GREEK AND FRENCH TROOPS FIGHT AT MYTILENE, REPORT

Berlin, Germany, March 14 (by wire) to Sayville.—Reports have been received here from Athens of fighting on the Greek island of Mytilene between Greek and French soldiers. It is reported that a French soldier was killed and another wounded severely. French reinforcements were brought up and improved the Greek position.

FRENCH AND GERMAN GUNS KEEP UP VIOLENT FIRE

Paris, France, March 14.—Monday night saw a continuance of the artillery activity on the Verdun front. West of the Meuse the cannonading was fairly violent and a reconnaissance on the part of the Germans in the wood of Haumont was checked by the French, according to official announcement made in Paris this afternoon.

GERMANS SHOOT DOWN FOUR ENEMY AIRPLANES

Berlin, Germany, March 14.—No important developments among the western front are recorded in the official communication which is as follows:

"Generally speaking, there was no change."

RIGID U. S. CENSORSHIP ESTABLISHED AT COLUMBUS

San Antonio, Texas, March 14.—A rigid censorship was ordered established at Columbus, New Mexico, today by Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston. He instructed Brig. John J. Pershing, commanding there, to take charge of the telegraph office, watch all automobile routes and guard telephone wires out of the town.

Gen. Funston said that newspaper reports from New Mexico had been revealing every movement of troops, the disposition of the various forces and the amount of their equipment.

"There was no use trying to conceal our plans here while there was a leak on the border," he explained, "we had to act." It was indicated that if the censorship ordered today was evaded, martial law might be the next step in controlling the news situation at Columbus.

TAFT CONSIDERS BRANDEIS UNFIT

Former President Opposes Wilson's Choice For Supreme Court Judge.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Former president Taft and six other members of the American Bar Association today protested to the senate judiciary subcommittee against confirmation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court.

The first six sent a letter stating that "taking into view the reputation, character and professional career of Mr. Brandeis, he is not a fit person to be a member of the supreme court of the United States."

Hearings in the case of Brandeis of Boston under investigation by a senate subcommittee as to his fitness to become a member of supreme court, were resumed today.

ARMY-MILITARY BILLS WILL BE RUSHED

Washington, D. C., March 14.—In keeping with the president's desire to have all preparedness measures rushed through, the house rules committee today appointed a subcommittee to consider the senate bill for the reorganization of the army.

EL PASO IS WELL PROTECTED BY TROOPS; If Trouble Comes, Men Must Stay Home

EL PASO is protected for any emergency, but the authorities are not looking for any trouble.

The authorities have but one request to make of the people of the city and that is that in the event of trouble—which is most remote—the men of the city remain in their homes, with their families, and not come downtown.

San Simon Citizens Take Steps For Town's Safety

San Simon, Ariz., March 14.—Owing to a threat said to have been made some time ago by certain Mexicans, the citizens of San Simon held a meeting last night and organized a mounted patrol guard. Men will patrol on the four sides of the town all night until it is known that cause for alarm has passed.

WILL RELIEVE EL PASO'S NEW BRIGADIER GENERAL PERSHING AT EL PASO

Fifth Brigade Commander at San Francisco Is Ordered To Come To Border.

MOTOR TRAINS FOR U. S. EXPEDITION

Horses Are Being Purchased For Use of Army; Trains Are Being Guarded.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 14.—It was announced today that Brig. Gen. George Bell, Jr., commander of the Fifth brigade, with headquarters at San Francisco, has been ordered to El Paso to take command of the troops there, relieving Brig. Gen. J. J. Pershing, now at Columbus.

He will operate under orders of Gen. Funston. No orders for a movement across the border were issued from Fort Sam Houston this morning and none are likely today. Gen. Funston said that from now on he would refuse to answer questions concerning the imminence of the expeditionary forces departing.

Will Use Motor Supply Trains.

The expeditionary force into Mexico is to be equipped with a complete motor supply train, an innovation in the United States army, it was announced today. Motor transportation of supplies was deemed necessary by Gen. Funston for after the expedition gets well on its way, it probably will get far from any railroad.

Civilians Will Stay Home.

The train will be divided into two companies, each with 27 trucks. One company will be equipped with four wheel drive cars and the other with faster and lighter machines. For the present the train will be manned with civilians.

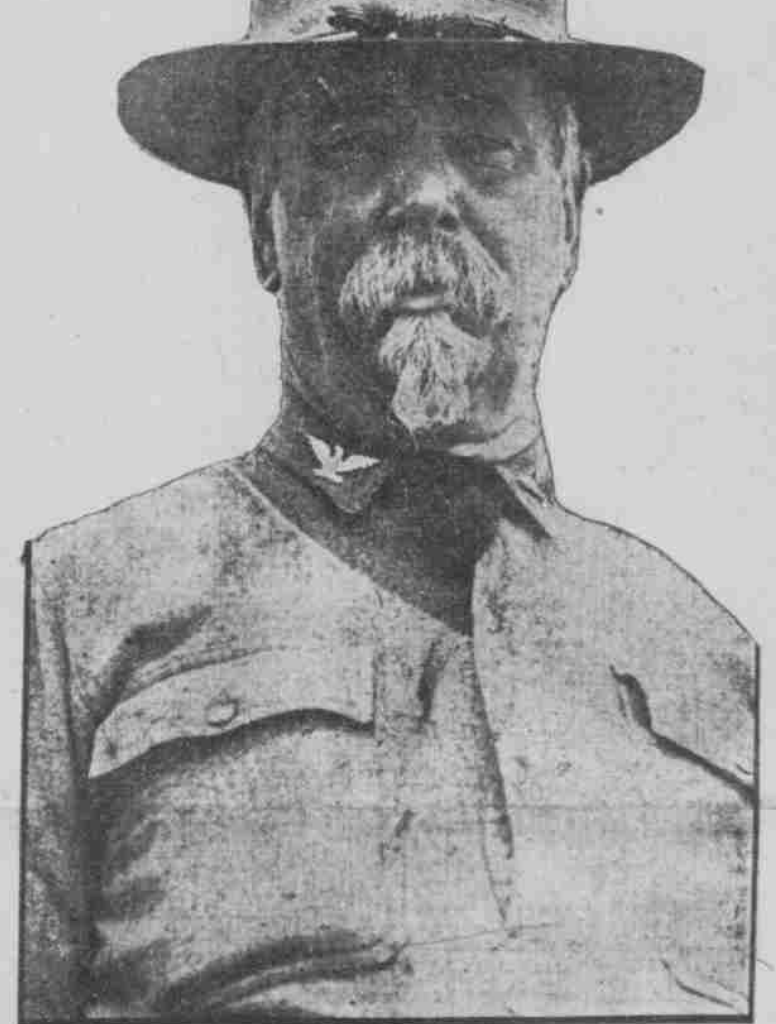
Two hundred horses also are to be purchased at once to complete the cavalry quota of mounts. These will be furnished to the border as fast as they are obtained.

Buy Horses In Southwest.

Although European agents have been buying horses in the southwest in huge numbers, it is not expected, it was announced, that the government will have difficulty in getting good mounts. It became known today that lack of rolling stock, particularly in Arizona and New Mexico, has aided in the hindering troop transportation.

Attempt Made On Train.

Word came from Alpine, Texas, that an attempt had been made to hold up a train bearing ambulance company No. 7, from Fort Sam Houston on its way to El Paso by six Mexicans Sunday night. The attempt was frustrated because the engineer sighted the Mexicans along the track and stopped his train. The Mexicans fled but they later were captured.



BRIG. GEN. GEORGE BELL, JR.

Gen. Bell, who will command the U. S. troops at Fort Bliss, Camp Fort Bliss and Camp Cotton, is well known in El Paso. He was colonel commanding the 16th infantry at Camp Cotton when promoted to be a brigadier general. He has a long war record, including the Cuban, Philippine and Indian campaigns. He has been stationed at San Francisco recently and will come from there to El Paso.

COLUMBUS IS BIG ARMED CAMP; BATTLEFIELD IS NOW TENT CITY

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 14.—The little camp in which Villa attacked the 13th cavalry with disastrous results last Thursday has been expanded to the proportions of a small city today to accommodate troops concentrated for the punitive expedition against the bandit chieftain in Mexico.

The battlefield on which 250 American soldiers fought and put to flight close to 2000 Villa brigades who made the raid on Columbus is dotted with brown army tents and wagon trains with vast quantities of material needed for a campaign in a desert country.

Tents were still being erected this morning.

U. S. ARMY WILL SECURE 54 TRUCKS, 15 MOTORCYCLES

New York, March 14.—Bids for supplying 54 trucks and 15 motorcycles to the United States government to be used by troops in pursuit of Villa, were received today by Col. A. A. Smith, the United States depot quartermaster here. Col. Smith said the automobile trucks probably would be used to transport supplies to the troops at the front.

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Resolution To Recruit Army To Full Strength To Be Introduced At Once.

WILSON'S REPLY PLEASES "CHIEF"

No Trouble Feared; Alarmist Reports Irritate President and Advisers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Chairman Hay of the house military committee today prepared for immediate introduction of a resolution to permit the president to raise the fighting strength of the standing army to 125,000 men.

Both parties to support Bill.

Most Democrats and Republicans will support the resolution in the house, chairman Hay and representative Kahner, ranking minority members of the military committee assured secretary Baker at a conference this afternoon.

Ready For Crossing of Border.

Administration officials today momentary word from Gen. Funston that the first detachment of American troops was moving into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits. Latest official information from the border indicated that the mobilization of troops had made such progress that the first force was ready to cross the international boundary line at any time.

Officials Are Confident That Situation, So Far As Gen. Carranza Himself Is Concerned, Has Been Settled by Acceptance of his proposal for a reciprocal arrangement by which either his troops or American troops may pursue outlaws on either side of the border.

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